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SUBJECT: POPPY SEED CASE

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1. OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL, DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS ADVISED THAT POPPY SEEDS SOLD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN US ROUTINELY COME FROM POPPY PLANT KNOWN AS "PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM L," FROM WHICH MORPHINE CAN BE EXTRACTED. ROMANIAN BLUE POPPY SEEDS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY. WE HAVE INDICATED EARLIER, HOWEVER, THESE SEEDS ARE NOT A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, AND IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF US LAWS OR REGULATIONS TO IMPORT, EXPORT, SELL OR POSSESS SUCH SEEDS.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, FRIED'S LAWYERS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ROC CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, WHO RE-ACTED SYMPATHETICALLY TO ARGUMENT THAT FRIED AND SHEN INNOCENT VICTIMS OF A MISUNDERSTANDING. THEY ARE ALSO SEEKING APPOINTMENT OF SENATOR JAVITS AND CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF. KISSINGER

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